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Be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners recommends that the incoming president of the association appoint a committee to continue studies of the many details involved in getting an international body established including proposals for the fields of operations for such a body, and

Be it further resolved, that said committee use every possible means for initiating the establishment of such an agency on or before September 1, 1961.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

ADVISORY OBJECTIVE OF A NATIONAL AQUARIUM

Whereas the American Fisheries Society has adopted a resolution urging the congress of the United States to enact legislation to establish within the District of Columbia, a national aquarium, and

Whereas such action is based on sound conservation purposes and objectives,

Therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses the resolution of the society and urges the congress to provide for the establishment of a national aquarium.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WATER POLLUTION

Whereas, the surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service, at the request of the president and of the secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, has issued a formal call to a National Conference on Water Pollution to be held in Washington, D. C., December 12 through 14, 1960; and

Whereas, a committee representing some 30 civic, scientific, and national organizations, including the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, has been working with the Public Health Service to plan and set up this conference; and

Whereas, this association recognizes the paramount importance of adequate supplies of clean waters in the maintenance of fish and game populations, as well as our human population; and

Whereas, invitations to the water pollution conference will include among others, the fish and game commissioners of our 50 states:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners commends the secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service for the initiation and vigorous prosecution of plans for a productive national conference on water pollution;

Be it further resolved, that the association enjoins the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the conferees, to accept the challenge of establishing high goals for a national pollution abatement program and to define practical methods for attaining those goals; and

Be it further resolved, that the association support the conference, and urge its member organizations to attend and be prepared to offer constructive recommendations for necessary pollution abatement programs at national, state, and local levels.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

PESTICIDE LEGISLATION

Whereas there continues to appear on the markets numerous and various chemical formulations generally known as "pesticides" for the control of insects, weeds and other vegetation, bird and mammal pests, and

Whereas, some of these pesticides in their normal use, and many of them in abnormal or accidental situations, pose a serious threat to wildlife and fish populations and to plant environment upon which they depend, and

Whereas the responsibility of certifying these transcends the facilities of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service or of the state game and fish departments, and

Whereas the chemical companies responsible for developing these pesticides spend material sums in their development with the expectation of profit,

Now therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that federal and state legislation be enacted to place responsibility for fully determining the safety of such pesticides upon the manufacturers thereof and the liability for their appropriate application by the users of such products, and

Be it further resolved that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the several state game and fish departments are urged to increase their efforts to protect wildlife through enforcement of federal and state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the use of pesticides and the protection of wildlife and its habitat, and

Be it further resolved that the International Association seeks to determine the liabilities and damage recovery for the destruction of fish and wildlife by individual applications of pesticides.